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Title: Customer-Based Prediction Method and System Using Near Infrared  
Reflectance Spectra of Materials

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with this patent application.

1. A check for \$1742.00 representing the filing fee (\$710 + \$792 for 44 extra  
claims + \$240 for 3 extra independent claims);
2. Application, 35 pages, including cover page, abstract, and 64 total claims;
3. Eight (8) sheets of formal drawings.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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